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1. ACCORDING FONMIN SOURCE, EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE HAS SHOALED, LARGELY ON GERMAN OBJECTIONS, AND THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF RE-LAUNCHING.

2. FOLLOWING DECEMBER EC FAILURE TO AGREE ON A ROLE FOR PLO IN DIALOGUE, ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBLE FONMIN OFFICIAL, CONSULTATIONS ON POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN NORMAL EC DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. TO DATE ONLY A FEW
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NEW IDEAS HAVE BEEN BRUITED, UNSUCCESSFULLY SO FAR.

3. FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES REPORTEDLY RELAYED A SUGGESTION RECEIVED FROM EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY IN CAIRO IN DECEMBER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE WORKING GROUPS COULD BEGIN CONSISTING OF QUOTE EXPERTS UNQUOTE PROVIDED BY THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS BUT NOT RPT NOT DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL DELEGATES. THIS THOUGHT IS SAID TO HAVE GOT NOWHERE, WITH AMBASSADOR REGARD, THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, DISAPPROVING. THE GOI, HOWEVER, HAS SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR KENNAN (PHONETIC), THE IRISH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO MAKE SOUNDINGS IN CAIRO AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE EC THROUGH THE IRISH PRESIDENCY. WHERE THIS IDEA STANDS REMAINS UNCLEAR BUT OUR FONMIN CONTACT ANTICIPATES IT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A DUBLIN MEETING JANUARY 21.
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